

RULE NO.: R161-12.30

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: October 3, 2012

The Director of the Austin Water Utility proposes to adopt the following rule after November 4, 2012.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Britt Jones; Austin Water Utility, 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-972-0235, or via email at britt.jones@austintexas.gov. To be considered, comments must be submitted before November 4, 2012, the 32nd day after the date this notice is posted. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule has been obtained and is available for inspection or copying at the address noted in the preceding paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before November 4, 2012 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after January 2, 2013 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before January 2, 2013, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

A copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following locations. Copies may be purchased at the following locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Austin Water Utility, located at 625 E. 10th Street, 3rd Floor Suite 300, Austin, Texas. See Mr. Britt Jones and:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

R161-12.30: Proposed revision to the Utility Criteria Manual Section 2.9.4 Wastewater Systems

- Section 2.9.4.C.9 – added. This was added to prohibit curved wastewater lines.
- Section 2.9.4.D.7.Note 3 – removed and added. This was added to require junction boxes for access to mains over 42” instead of 48”.
- Section 2.9.4.D.7.Note 4 – added. This was added to ensure the structural integrity of the manhole wall, due to multiple pipes, is not compromised.
- Section 2.9.4.D.9 – added. This was added to let the Engineers know when a cast-in-place manhole bases are needed.
- Section 2.9.4.D.10 – added. This was added to discuss the slope requirements for manhole inlet and outlet pipe inverts.
- Section 2.9.4.D.11.a – added. This was added to discuss the manhole requirements when the exterior walls are located below ground water.
- Section 2.9.4.D.11.b – added. This was added to discuss the manhole requirements when the manhole joints are located below ground water.
- Section 2.9.4.D.11.c – added. This was added to discuss ways to water proof construction joints on the manhole when located below ground water.
- Section 2.9.4.G.4&5 – added. This was added to discuss when large diameter cleanouts vs. manholes are needed.
- Section 2.9.4.H.2 – added. This was added to clear up the review and approval of easement documents.
- Section 2.9.4.I – added. This was added to discuss the requirements for existing and proposed wastewater infrastructure in Roundabouts or Traffic Circles.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in Chapter 1-2 of the City Code. The authority to regulate the installation of water and wastewater facilities is established in the Texas Local Government Code Section 552.001 and Title 15 of the City Code.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-12.30, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

REVIEW AND APPROVED

Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

Date: _____

Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

Date: _____